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SESSIONAL LECTURERS' COMMENTS ARE INACCURATE

MONTREAL / 23 April 1993 --- Concordia University was deeply distressed to learn of the news release issued today by one of its sessional lecturers in the Faculty of Commerce and Administration, Charlie Crawford, concerning a threat to withhold student grades.

The University would like to point out that it has received no notification from any faculty member that he or she intends to withhold student grades.

Concordia is troubled, however, that Mr. Crawford and the faculty members that he claims to represent would consider using students as pawns in their dispute with the University.

Concordia has every confidence that Mr. Crawford and his group will realize that such an action would be wholly inappropriate and contrary to Concordia's academic mission.

In addition, the University would like to correct several factual errors in the news release.

Firstly, the faculty members in question were hired as limited term appointments which, by their nature, are for fixed periods.

The relevant Collective Agreement defines such appointments as "a sessional appointment which carries no implication of renewal or continuation beyond the stated term" The faculty members, then, were not "dismissed."

The proper forum for redress in a unionized situation is through the grievance procedure outlined in the Collective Agreement.

Finally, the University is confident that it has followed all the appropriate steps in this matter and that it is acting in the best interests of its students.

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